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KICKS TO BOARD OF EQUALIZATION BREAKING RECORD

Executive sessions of the county board of equalization were begun Testary and the arduous task of acting upon the protests of taxpayers to the reality and personalty assessments started. Just show much time will be required to act on all the protests, board members are unable to say, but they declare that the largest number of protests ever filed with a county equalization board have been submitted to them.

Ben Goodman, chairman of the board, stated that he would not make public any act of the board until the work was completed.

The board will take up the complaints in sequence and will act on them as our judgment dictates. We are going to be as fair as possible and our every effort will be exerted toward fairly and impartially equalizing the state and county taxes. How long we will be in session I cannot say, but there will be nothing to give out until the work is completed, then we will announce the total of our assessment.

The board of equalization is dealing solely with the assessment of w. T. Condon, county assessor. The state board of equalization early in the year completed a survey of property values and the assessor's figures were announced as being approximately \$44,000,000 lower than the state board's figures.

May Cut Figures.

Capital of Bolshevik Govern-

LONDON, July 13.—Minsk has been captured by Russian Bolsheviki forces, according to an official statement received here from Moscow, which says the soviet troops occupied the town on the morning of July 11.

The communique also announces the capture of the town of Sventsiany, 35 miles south of Dvinsk and 50 miles portheast of Vilna. miles south of Dvinsk and so miles northeast of Vilna.

Minsk is the capital of the Russian government of the same name and is situated approximately 250 miles northeast of Warsaw. Its fall would seem to indicate that Vilna, about 119 miles indicate that Vilna, about 119 miles to the northeast, is in immediate dan ger of capture by the Bolsheviki.

RUSS FAIL TO ANSWER OFFERS OF ARMISTICE

SPA, July 13.—The Russian soviet government had not replied up to this afternoon to the request of the allies that an armistice be arranged with Po-land. The message was sent by wire-less to the soviet authorities through the British government because of the relations already existing between Pre-mier Lloyd George and Leonid Krassin, the Bolsheviki minister of trade and

the Boishevar himster of trace and commerce.

The Polish military authorities have informed the allies they can put in the field an army of one million men, but they need 400,000 rifles, 5,000 machine guns, 1,000 field guns and armored cars and tanks, together with a great cars and tanks. variety of munitions.

POLES ADMIT REVERSES.

WARSAW, July 13.—The loss of the city of Minsk by the Poles is announced in today's official communique from Polish army headquarters. The Bolsheviki occupied the city after a desperate all-night battle, the statement area.

METHODIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT NEWBERN

NEWBERN, Tenn. July 13. (Spl.)—
The Dversburg district conference of
the various churches of the Methodist
Episcopal church on the Memphis conference will convene for a two days' session with the Newbern Methodist
church, July 21-23. The meeting will
be presided over by the presiding elder, Dr. W. W. Armstrong, of the Dyersburg district. There will be a large
number of delegates present from the
various churches throughout the entire
district. district.

The third round of the Dyersburg district conference will meet at the Senter Methodist church, July 31-Aug. 1. Quarterly conference will be held here Aug. 1-2. Dr. W. W. Armstrong will be the principal speaker at both meetings. The pastors will assist in the conference work.

ARE YOU LEAVING MEMPHIS FOR THE SUMMER? Then have THE NEWS

SCIMITAR come to you by mail for 50c a month. Payable in Advance.

B. H. Russell, whose wife recently of a divorce in chancery court on the VILNA IN DANGER

The streamment of her, again figured in a court episode Monday. The court, in the latest instance, was the police court, where Russell's name was called to answer a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Ponce inspector Bee. He failed to appear, and forfeited \$25. Russell was the man who figured as "Daddy" in his wife's suit for divorce. Russell was arrested at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, in an automobile which also contained two other men and two women. According to Inspect Sunday morning, in an automobile which also contained two other men and two women. According to Inspector Bee, he sighted their automobile going south on Main street past the Hotel Gayeso at 3:45 a.m. They turned at Beale and drove north, when he shouted to them to stop, and got their number when they failed to do so. Bee pursued to Union avenue, where the car turned in and stopped. He declares that before the auto rounded the corner, one of the party tossed several bottles onto the street, breaking them. Bee arrested the quintet on disorderly conduct charges. Monday in city court Russell forfelted \$25 he had posted. Daisy Campbell was fined \$25, while the charges against Myrtle McGee, G. Weddle and J. H. Galloway were dismissed.

MRS. MORRIS GETS DIVORCE DECREE

Mrs. Mabel Morris was awarded a divorce from Hilliard F. Morris by Judge Hen L. Cappell Tuesday on her cross bill and answer to the original divorce position of Morris. The charges of non-support and abandonment as contained in the cross bill were sustained by the court. in the cross on water and the court.

Morris' original bill in which he charged that his wife had contracted a disease while absent from him and on which he based his plea for divorce, was dismissed by the court.

The case was begun in Second circuit The case was begun in Second circuit court last week and was bitterly contested by attorneys representing the two parties. During the afternoon session of court last Friday a personal encounter between Ralph Davis, attorney for Mrs. Morris, and John E. Bell, one of the attorneys for Morris, was nurrowly averted and resulted in a fine of \$25 against Mr. Bell.

Introduction of letters received by Morris from the corespondent. Rose Barnett, in which she proclaimed her love for Morris, were also featured at the trial of the case.

Under the terms of the court order the plaintiff, Morris, is taxed with the costs of the case. Morris was represented by Bell and Pat J. Lyons, attorneys, while Ralph Davis was Mrs. Morris' lawyer.

NEGRO FACES JURY

Hearing of evidence in the trial of Arthur Billings, one of two negroes indicted for the murder of fl. F. Hodgers, of Rainbow fighters in Francing two browns tablets commemorating the descendance of the flower of fl. F. Hodgers, of Rainbow fighters in Francing two browns tablets commemorating the descendance of Rosemark, Shelby county, on June 1997. The world of the flower of fl. F. Hodgers, of Rainbow fighters in Francing two browns tablets commemorating the descendance of Rosemark, Shelby county, on June 1997. The world of supervisors are advertised to the flower of fl. F. Hodgers, and the state began the introduction of evidence early Tuesday. Buildings and Jim Wilson, negroes, were indiced jointly for the murder but owing to the fact that each negro accuract the other of having deal the blows which caused Rosers' death, like and the flower of the flower

AT SHELBYVILLE

platform piedges of 1914, when the larry was committed to a tax equalization program he asked his hearers if they were going to condemn him for deing what the party had asked to be done, especially after they had endorsed Gov. Rye for trying and falling? There were cries of "No, no," from the audience.

were cries of "No, no," from the audience.

"What is in the Democratic platform is Democratic," he continued. "This very tax reform program was in the platform, and I deny the charge made by one of my opponents that these laws are undemocratic. He can not defend his position if he argues until he is white-haired. He has refused to meet me to discuss these matters because he knows he is all wrong. Either that, or he may not be able to get the man who wrote that piece for him to get close enough to prompt him in debnte."

said, "and the principles enunciated in these tax laws are the very essence of Democracy — place the burden of taxation on all alike.

He was loudly applicated when he referred to the program of his apponents as "destructive." and the Democratic program as "constructive."

ANSWER ULTIMATUM

GOVERNOR ROBERTS AU VALOREM TAX **BOOST SHORT OF** FIGURE NEEDED

The dawn of a new era, said the senator, has brought changes which have confused the march of progress and obscured the principles upon which the nation was founded. Veterans of the world war, he suggested, have not really been mustered out of service out have been furloughed to serve again "for the safety of our common heritage."

The speaker paid tribute to 'he exploits of the Rainbow division in France and to the memory of those who had fallen on the battle fields of the Argonne and the Marne.

"Business is uncertain in the grip of heavy taxation and our commerce haits under the limitation of transportation," he said. "Men are flocking to the great cities for high wages, and the tarms lie fallow for want of labor. The war profiteer glories in his new wealth and the high cost of living threatens the humble home. The rule of even-handed justice is endangered and legislation for special class is the demand of the hour. Anarchy threatens to strike down the law and the will of the mob defies the peace of the land.

"These are some of the dangers that threaten the republic, some of the problems that must be solved in the future."

A sports carnival at Rickwood park this afternoon featured the second day. The program included running races, jumps and all other features of outdoors athletic meets and souverin prizes were provided for the winners of first, sec-

jumps and all other features of outdoor athletic meets and souverir prizes were provided for the winners of first, second and third places. Business sessions and the final registration of delegates occupied the morning.

The reunion opened Monday with welcoming addresses by acting Governor Miller for the state and City Commissioner Hornaday. Col. Benson W. Hough, commander of the veterans, responded and Rev. Father Francis P. Duffy, chaplain of the division, stirred memories with references to exploits of Rainbow fighters in France.

Following the first meeting two bronze tablets commemorating the deceased members of the division were unveiled in Woodrow Wilson park. Street dancing and sightseeing tours were features of the late afternoon and night.

HAVE SCORES OF 168; JONES STARS

Second Half of Medal Test Is Under Way in Western Amateur-Mark of 69 Monday Will Be Hard to Beat.

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LAW FAILS IN COURT

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Justice Balley, in the district supreme court tolay dismissed proceedings brought by Charles Fairchilds, of New York, presi-

thority to pass upon the validity of such an amendment. Mr. Fairchilds noted an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

Twenty-four hours to noon July 13, Hour. Dry bulb. Wet bulb. Humid's

Virginia: Fair and warmer in north

North and South Carolina: Fair.

Alabama: Fair Mississippi: Fair.

Local Vets Show Form.

Martin Condon, shooting two 39s, was low among the local entries for a time Monday with a 78. However, Dudley S. Weaver, Sr., raced home in a 37 after taking a 41 on the first nine and tied this score. Here are two of Memphis' golfing vets playing a game that enabled them to show their heels to the younger local set and both had two dandy cards.

But a single stroke lower than Condon and Weaver, Charley Pfell, who had a lot to do with bringing the Western here, T. W. Palmer, from Florida C. C. at Jacksonville, and Doug Tweedle, Chicago, recorded 79s.

"Jack" Wenzier, Colonial hope and the present Tennessee title holder, took an 81. This figure was tied by Louis Morrow, of the home club, while Ramsey Potts with \$4, Dudley Weaver, Jr., 85, and F. D. Gardner, Memphis C. C., were the other Memphis entries who stood well among the titular qualifying prospects. ood well anions respects. Wednesday begin the matches. Eight-Wednesday begin the matches. Eight-een holes until the simifinals on Friday will he the route. Then it is 36 holes. Here is Jones' card, likewise par for the green. Jones—Out: 444 244 253—34 Par—Out: 445 344 344—35 Jones—In: 344 444 444—35—69 Par—In: 344 444 344—34—69

Coleman B. Jones, telegraph editor and Cleve Williams, makeup man, work in different departments of The News Scimitar. But both were at home Tuesday for the same cause—a but boy. The infants arrived during the night. According to latest reports from headquarters both tots were in complete charge of the respective situations.

ALCORN COUNTY TO SELL \$100,000 IN BONDS

AGREE; TICKET TO BE PUT IN FIELD CHICAGO, July 13 .- Amalgamation of the principal groups attempt

LIBERAL FACTIONS

ing to form a new party was effected here today. The committee of 48 voted to join the national labor party. A large nonpartisan league group and a delegation of single taxers marched into the labor convention and announced they also had decided to amalgamate.

On motion of Max S. Hayes, Cleveland, chairman of the labor party On motion of Max S. Hayes, Cleveland, chairman of the labor party national committee, nomination of presidential candidates of the "united new party" was made a special order of business for 8:30 o'clock tonight. The committee of 48 conferces yield—the farmers, after spending five days of the labor party on the question of locking over all the conventions in session littles, and "the democratic control" of essential industries.

The committee of 48 voted to meet this afternoon in joint session with the convention in joint session with the convention in the convention of the session with labor, fight with labor and organize with labor, "Remfer said amid cheers."

Much Road Building.

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Fifty miles of concrete road and 115 miles of gravel roads are under construction in the districts named, scheduled for completion by the end of 1921. To rush the work through, the districts have procured much expensive equipment to facilitate the unloading and distribution of materials—ten modern unloading cranes, a fleet of several score motor trucks, a dozen or more spur tracks for unloading cars and other machinery—and organized a large labor force.

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Heur. Dry bulb. Wet bulb. Huraid's 17 p.m. yes'day 80 71 66 b 7 a.m. today 77 71 75 87 Noon today .84 76 63 6 Maximum ... 20 ... 20 Minimum ... 20 ... 4 Sun sets today 7.15 p.m. Rises to 17 morrow 4.56 a.m. Moon rises 3.39 a.m. tonight. Precipitation 62 inches.

Kentucky: Showers. Fair in south-Tennessee: Partly cloudy. Probably VERSAILLES PACT MUST BE KEPT, FRANCE SAYS

RHEIMS. France. July 13.—France will demand enforcement of the treaty of Versailles to the last article. Leon Bourgeois, president of the French senate, declared before 'more than 100 French and foreign newspaper correspondents, at a luncheon. Georgia: Fair. Showers in extreme of Buth portion.

CHICAGO, July 13.—Further efforts of police to establish definitely the motive which caused Lieut. Carl Wanderer to slay his wife and an unidentified stranger, attempts to identify the stranger and to find a woman in the case, if there be one, led to further questioning of Wandrerer today.

To this end two true bills charging Wanderer with the murder of his wife and the stranger will not be returned before Chief Justice Crowe until later in the week, they said, so that the state's attorney's office will have more time to clear up the case. The true bills were voted by a jury yesterday.

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But by the bold action of the road commissioners and engineers in buying their own cars a move unprecedented in highway improvement work, it is hoped to overcome the one obstacle seemingly beyond their control. The Morgan Engineering company of the commissioners, negotiated for the purchase of the cars direct with the offer company from whom the cars were purchased was not announced. It is said that the cars were built for the suse of the government and were designed especially for hauling such at materials as are used in highway construction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction. They are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on struction, they are equipped with air econtrolled appliances for damping on the exist of the econtrolled appliances for damping on the exist of the econtrolled appli

ALAND QUESTION PASSED.

LONDON, July 13.—The council of the league of nations has decided to re-fer the question of the Aland islands to a commission of three international jurists, who will be nominated by the president of the league.

ON MURDER CHARGE

The governor said he knew the tax by the voters in Tennessee meant as were to cast in August and November. "Tennessee's honor is at stake," he said, "and the principles enunciated in

GERMANY FAILS TO

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